

were not in one spot only but scattered for a considerable distance along the line.

On the lower part of the Ghat road up to Shillong from Gauhati, where it passes through dense tropical evergreen forest, the telegraph line crosses the road frequently in the course of loops and zigzags of the latter. There are always numbers of bundles of grass to be seen attached to the wire, so rough that at first sight they would hardly be taken for nests, and they puzzled me considerably until I saw one being visited and entered by a Longtailed Broadbill, *Psarisomus dalhousiae*. These nests were usually isolated from others and nearly always built where the wires crossed a ravine or cutting so that they were a great height from the ground and far from any neighbouring trees or vegetation.

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[Nests of the Longtailed Broadbill hung similarly from electric light wires spanning a nullah have been recorded from Mussoorie, Uttar Pradesh, in Vol. XXIII of the *Journal* (1915), pp. 360-61.—EDS.]

9. *MUSCICAPA WESTERMANNI INDOCHINENSIS*.
A SYNONYM OF *M. W. AUSTRALORIENTIS*

In my paper, 'A Collection of Birds from the Naga Hills' which appeared in the *Journal*, Vol. 50, No. 3, April 1952, I have used the name *Muscicapa westermanni indochinensis* on p. 507 to describe the Eastern Little Pied Flycatcher. In the text I have referred to the fact that I had revised this species (1952). Unfortunately the name as printed is a *nomen nudum*. In my revision, 'A Note on the Species *Muscicapa westermanni*', (*Proceedings of the Biological Society of Washington*, Vol. 65, pp. 71-74, April 25, 1952), I described this eastern continental population as *Muscicapa westermanni australorientis*, and in this publication I extended a valid description to this name. Number 3, the April 1952 issue of the *Journal* actually appeared on May 20th, 1952, and consequently that name, *indochinensis*, which was used entirely in error, and by inadvertence on my part, must stand as a *nomen nudum* is synonymy with the new form *Muscicapa westermanni australorientis*.

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